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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

B.M.A. Charities Fund.

THE following is a list of subscriptions and donations to the British Medical Association Charities Fund from March 1st to November 30th, 1928, forwarded for use at the discretion of the trustees of the Fund (the members of the Council of the Association for the time being in office). Total £929 5s. 3d.

£175.—Medical Insurance Agency.
£50.—Dorset Local Medical and Panel Committee, and "Northants, Anonymous."
£39 10s.—Newcastle-on-Tyne Panel Committee
£39.—Tyneside Division (proceeds of Dance).
£38 12s. 6d.—West Suffolk Division.
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£6 1s. 8d.—North of England Branch.
£5 5s.—Dumfriesshire Panel Committee, N. Bishop Harman.
£5 3s. 3d.—Camberwell Division.
£5.—W. S. Moore, J. H. P. Paton.
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£3 18s. 8d.—Peter MacDonald.
£3 8s. 6d.—Joseph Cauchi.
£3 5s. 6d.—Gateshead Division.
£3 3s.—H. Caiger, J. B. Macalpine, F. W. Robertson, J. G. Russell, J. H. E. Trout and J. V. D. Allin, H. M. Weber.
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£2 1s.—Blyth Division.
£2.—James and D. T. MacDonald, J. W. Smith.
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£1 5s.—E. G. Hunt.
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Contributions of less than 10s. amounted to £1 13s.

The Katherine Bishop Harman Prize.

The Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to consider an award of the Katherine Bishop Harman Prize, of the value of £80, in the year 1930. The purpose of the prize is the encouragement of study and research directed to the diminution and avoidance of the risks to health and life that are liable to arise in pregnancy and child-bearing. Within this sphere competitors are free to select the work they wish to present. All medical practitioners registered in the British Empire are eligible to compete. Should no essay be of sufficient merit, in the opinion of the Council, no award will be made, but the prize will again be offered in the year following; in this event the money value will be increased. Each essay must be typewritten or printed in English. It must be distinguished by a motto, and accompanied by a sealed envelope marked with the same motto, and enclosing the candidate's name and address. Essays must reach the Medical Secretary (to whom inquiries may be addressed), British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, not later than December 31st, 1929.

Association Notices.

PROPOSED HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH, WITH BARNET, EAST HERTFORDSHIRE, ST. ALBANS, AND WATFORD DIVISIONS.

NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Association of the following proposals, made by a meeting, held December 7th, of members of the Association resident in Hertfordshire:

(1) That a Hertfordshire Branch be formed, of area co-terminous with the administrative county of Hertford.

(2) That there be Divisions of the Branch as follows, of the areas respectively stated below:

Barnet Division.

The urban districts of Barnet and East Barnet Valley and the rural district of Barnet, except the civil parish of Elstree.

East Hertfordshire Division.

The municipal borough of Hertford; the urban districts of Baldock, Bishop's Stortford, Cheshunt, Hitchin, Hoddesdon, Royston, Sawbridgeworth, Stevenage, and Ware; and the rural districts of Ashwell, Buntingford, Hadham, Hatfield, Hertford, Hitchin, Ware, and Welwyn.

St. Albans Division.

The municipal borough of St. Albans; the urban district of Harpenden; the rural districts of Harpenden and St. Albans; and, in Hemel Hempstead rural district, the civil parishes of Flamstead and Markyate.

Watford Division.

The municipal boroughs of Hemel Hempstead and Watford; the urban districts of Berkhamsted, Bushey, Chorley Wood, Rickmansworth, and Tring; the rural districts of Berkhamsted, Hemel Hempstead (except the civil parishes of Flamstead and Markyate), and Watford; and, in Barnet rural district, the civil parish of Elstree.

The existing East Hertfordshire Division, of area as at present (see above), being transferred from the Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch to the Hertfordshire Branch, and the existing West Herts Division of the Metropolitan Counties Branch being discontinued.

Written notice of these proposals has been given to the Cambridge and Huntingdon and Metropolitan Counties Branches, and the matter will be determined in due course by the Council of the Association. Any body or member affected by the proposed changes, and objecting thereto, is requested to write, giving reasons, to the Medical Secretary, British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, not later than January 29th, 1929.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH: WEST DORSET DIVISION.—A meeting of the West Dorset Division will be held on January 3rd, 1929, at the Antelope Hotel, Dorchester. It will be preceded by supper (price 5s. per head) at 7.45 p.m. Dr. E. K. Le Fleming will be the guest of the Division. Agenda: (1) To discuss private practice report (*Supplement*, November 3rd); (2) a letter from the Dorset County Council *re* payment of fees for reports to coroners; (3) medical charities; (4) hospital policy of the Association.

DUNDEE BRANCH.—A meeting of the Dundee Branch will be held in the O.T.C. Hall, University College, Dundee, on Tuesday, February 5th, 1929, at 8.30 p.m., when Dr. George A. Allan (Glasgow) will give a lecture on rheumatism in children.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH: LANARKSHIRE DIVISION.—A meeting of the Lanarkshire Division will be held at the St. Enoch Station Hotel on Wednesday, January 9th, 1929, at 3.30 p.m. Dr. John Glaister will give an address on professional secrecy and professional privilege.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: HYDE DIVISION.—The address to the Hyde Division on January 24th, 1929, at 8.30 p.m., by Mr. D. P. D. Wilkie, professor of surgery in the University of Edinburgh, will be on the place of surgery in the treatment of peptic ulcer (not septic ulcer as printed last week).

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—A meeting of the City Division will be held at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E.8, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1929, at 9.30 p.m. Dr. Alfred Cox, O.B.E., Medical Secretary, British Medical Association, will open a discussion on welfare centres and clinics.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: FINCHLEY DIVISION.—A meeting of the Finchley Division will be held at the Finchley Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, January 15th, 1929, at 8.45 p.m. Dr. H. C. Cameron will give a lecture on some disorders of the newly born.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: HAMPSTEAD DIVISION.—A special meeting of the Hampstead Division will be held at Hampstead General Hospital on Thursday, January 3rd, 1929, at 8.30 p.m., when Dr. Lindsay Batten will open a discussion on the report of the Private Practice Committee.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LEWISHAM DIVISION.—A meeting of the Lewisham Division will be held at the Town Hall, Catford, S.E.6, on Tuesday, January 15th, 1929, at 8.45 p.m. Mr. Zachary Cope will speak on the use and abuse of antiseptics.

MIDLAND BRANCH: CHESTERFIELD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Chesterfield Division will be held at the Royal Hospital, Chesterfield, on Wednesday, January 9th, 1929, at 3 p.m. Dr. George Wilkinson will give a demonstration of ear and throat cases.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: TYNESIDE DIVISION.—The annual dinner of the Tyneside Division will be held at the Albert Grill, North Shields, on Friday, January 11th, 1929, at 8.20 p.m. (tickets 10s. 6d.).

SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH.—A meeting of the Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch will be held at the Royal Infirmary, Salop, on Friday, January 4th, 1929, at 3.30 p.m. Agenda: Correspondence from Medical Secretary *re* coroners' reports; discuss interim report on encroachments on the sphere of private practice (*Supplement*, November 3rd). As the Association attaches great importance to the report, a large attendance is hoped for, and non-members are cordially invited to be present. Tea will be provided by the president.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: CARDIFF DIVISION.—The annual dinner and dance of the Cardiff Division will be held in Cox's Rooms, Queen Street, Cardiff, on Wednesday, January 16th.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH: PLYMOUTH DIVISION.—The lecture at the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital for Thursday, January 3rd, 1929, at 8.45 p.m., will be on the exanthems—Dick and Schick tests; scarlet fever serum, measles serum, immunity.

SURREY BRANCH: KINGSTON-ON-THAMES DIVISION.—A meeting of the Kingston-on-Thames Division will be held at the Surbiton Hospital on Tuesday, January 8th, 1929, when Sir Percy Sargent will give a lecture.

SURREY BRANCH: REIGATE DIVISION.—A meeting of the Reigate Division will be held at the East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, on Tuesday, January 15th, 1929, at 8.45 p.m. Mr. C. Max Page will give a lecture on some points in the treatment of fractures.

SUSSEX BRANCH: HASTINGS DIVISION.—The Hastings Division will hold a clinical evening and discussion on the treatment of varicose veins and varicose ulcers at the Buchanan Hospital on Tuesday, January 8th, 1929, at 8.15 p.m.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: WAKEFIELD, PONTEFRACT, AND CASTLEFORD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division will be held at the Strafford Arms Hotel, Wakefield, on Thursday, January 10th, 1929, preceded by supper (3s.) at 7.45 p.m. Mr. A. Richardson (Leeds) will speak on some surgical experiences in America.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: NUNEATON AND TAMWORTH DIVISION.

AN ordinary meeting of the Nuneaton and Tamworth Division was held at the Tamworth General Hospital on December 13th.

Mr. R. SCOTT-MASON (Birmingham) gave a most interesting address on infections of the hand, limiting his paper to those of pyogenic origin. He dealt first with infections of the finger-tips, mentioning acute and chronic paronychia. He then passed to infections of the pad of the finger, describing in a most practical way its peculiar anatomy, its relations to the terminal phalanx, and the methods of treatment. Infections of the hand were classified in three groups: (1) infections of tendon sheaths, (2) fascial spaces, and (3) lymph infections. He showed by diagrams the method of spread of infection from the fingers to the hand and wrist spaces, and indicated the treatment of the various sites affected. He emphasized the importance in the treatment of (1) an anaesthetic, (2) a tourniquet, and (3) free drainage. Lymphatic infections were stated to be most dangerous at the age of 45 years and over. The need of immobilizing the limb and treating the condition from the first as serious was stressed, and he cautioned against the too early incising of these conditions.

The address was very warmly received. On the motion of Dr. PRACY, seconded by Dr. RICHARDSON, a vote of thanks was accorded with acclamation to Mr. Scott-Mason for a most instructive paper.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Dumfries and Galloway Division was held in the Dumfries and Galloway Infirmary on November 9th. The interim report on encroachments on the sphere of private practice by the activities of local authorities was considered.

Dr. RITCHIE (medical officer of health, Dumfriesshire) gave a detailed account of the public health work carried out under him. The report was then considered in detail and the recommendations of the Private Practice Committee considered and unanimously approved.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ROCHDALE DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Rochdale Division was held at the Rochdale Infirmary on December 5th, when Dr. E. H. Cox was in the chair; nineteen members were present.

Dr. J. LOGAN STEWART, consulting tuberculosis officer, Lancashire County Council, gave a lecture on the place of radiography in diagnosis of diseases of the chest. He pointed out the characteristic features to be looked for in films of the chest, and emphasized the pitfalls in interpretation. His lecture was illustrated by a large collection of beautiful radiograms, which were greatly admired by his audience. Dr. Stewart mentioned the frequency with which he found other cases of tuberculosis (sometimes quiescent, but often active), of longer standing, in the family of an actual patient.

On the motion of Dr. J. C. JEFFERSON, seconded by Dr. J. C. ROBERTSON, a vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Stewart for his address. Light refreshments were provided by the matron.

A further meeting of the Division was held at the Lyceum, Rochdale, on December 12th, when Dr. E. H. Cox presided and seventeen members were present.

The secretary was instructed to arrange to help financially and otherwise the Manchester and Salford Executive in their work for the Annual Meeting, 1929.

A committee was appointed to deal with the golf competition for the Annual Meeting.

The report on encroachments of public health services on private practice was considered, Dr. A. G. Anderson (medical officer of health, Rochdale), Dr. J. C. Robertson (assistant medical officer of health, tuberculosis and venereal disease officer), and Dr. Jessie Valentine (maternity and child welfare officer) were present. Dr. ANDERSON and Dr. VALENTINE took part in the discussion, and the general tone of the discussion was in favour of increased efforts towards co-operation between public health officers and general practitioners.

The recommendations of the central committee were approved, and the secretary was instructed to draw up a report of the general views of the members, and to submit the same to the Executive Committee before finally reporting to headquarters.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: FINCHLEY DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Finchley Division was held on December 7th for the discussion of the interim report on encroachments on the sphere of private practice by the activities of local authorities. Fourteen members were present.

The meeting was in agreement with the recommendations of the committee, with the exception of (c) V, and the following resolutions were carried:

(a) General Principles: I. That energetic measures be taken to prevent people who can afford to pay from receiving advice and treatment at clinics financed by local authorities.

(c) V: That this Division cannot agree that these appointments are necessarily best in the hands of local private practitioners.

It was agreed to assist the medical officer of health in completing the inquiry forms issued by the Ministry of Health regarding maternal mortality.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION.

A meeting of the South-West Essex Division was held at the Connaught Hospital, Walthamstow, on November 20th. Members of the honorary medical staff demonstrated interesting cases. In the out-patient department Dr. BEDFORD showed cases of disseminated sclerosis with spastic paraplegia, angina pectoris in a case of coronary disease, and a woman with hyperpiesis in which the difference between the systolic and diastolic pulse pressure was 100 mm. of mercury. In the wards Dr. LLOYD demonstrated a case of infective endocarditis and a patient with diabetes insipidus who was doing very well on subcutaneous injections of the extract of the posterior lobe of the pituitary. Dr. PARRY showed many x-ray pictures on the screen, and afterwards conducted members round the x-ray department. Tea was kindly provided.

A successful dance in aid of the B.M.A. Charities Fund was held in Leyton Town Hall on November 22nd. It is hoped to hand £14 to the charities secretary as a result.

A further meeting of the Division was held at Livingstone College, Leyton, on December 14th. A letter was read from the A.A. and Q.M.G. 4th Army Division, asking for a list of civilian practitioners who would be willing to take the place of regular R.A.M.C. officers serving at military hospitals in the event of these officers being required overseas.

Dr. JAYS, principal of the college, described his medical experiences in Nigeria. He related how he went out before taking a medical degree, and discussed some of the medical emergencies he had to tackle, as there was no one else to do so. The only native surgery practised appeared to be cupping and curetting for cataract. Though carcinoma was uncommon, epithelioma and sarcoma were rife. Fatty tumours, some of enormous size, were frequently seen. The natives were very anxious to get rid of these tumours, and would sit without flinching during the operation if no anaesthetic was available. The people were accustomed to taking large doses of herbal remedies from early childhood, and consequently acquired a great tolerance for certain drugs. Some interesting native surgical instruments and charms to keep away misfortunes were shown. In conclusion, Dr. Jays spoke of the work carried on at Livingstone College in giving non-medical missionaries a knowledge of anatomy, physiology, and of the action of drugs, enabling them to relieve a great deal of suffering where no other medical help was available.

Dr. BADENOCH complimented Dr. Jays on the valuable service rendered by Livingstone College, and proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Jays, which was very heartily accorded.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: HEXHAM DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Hexham Division was held in the Abbey Hotel, Hexham, on November 16th, to discuss the interim report of the Private Practice Committee on the encroachment on the sphere of private practice by the activities of local authorities.

The proceedings were opened by the chairman, Dr. G. E. LLOYD, who surveyed in detail the report. Full and open discussion then ensued, and finally it was resolved that:

1. Having regarded the recommendations as fair and reasonable, this Division agrees to their general purport and expresses its willingness to co-operate in the scheme.
2. The Division wishes to lay stress with regard to the health visitors and nurses being *directly* responsible to a local practitioner for patients dealt with by them, including expectant mothers.
3. That local authorities be asked to bring to the notice of the Division any matters of this nature that might be dealt with by local practitioners.

NORTHERN COUNTIES OF SCOTLAND BRANCH: BANFF, MORAY, AND NAIRN DIVISION.

A LARGELY attended meeting of the Banff, Moray, and Nairn Division was held in Gray's Hospital, Elgin, on December 7th, when Dr. D. GRANT, chairman of the Division, presided. The report of the Private Practice Committee was thoroughly discussed, and the following motion was carried:

That it is evident that there is in the area a certain amount of encroachment on private practice, but that it is of a negligible character. The recommendations suggested are approved.

The question of hospital reorganization in Scotland was considered, and the members from Moray and Nairn definitely refused to consider the proposal to have the hospitals at Nairn and in the county of Moray as subsidiary to Inverness, where there are no specialist facilities. It was unanimously decided to recommend attachment to a teaching centre, such as Aberdeen.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH: BARNSTAPLE DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Barnstaple Division was held on November 28th in the Imperial Hotel, Barnstaple, when Dr. TOYE was in the chair.

The Deputy Medical Secretary, Dr. G. C. ANDERSON, dealing with the Private Practice Committee's report, took each recommendation and explained its meaning. The CHAIRMAN read out the recommendations separately and invited discussion; a vote was then taken on each. Questions arising during the discussion were answered by Dr. ANDERSON, and the recommendations of the committee were approved.

On the motion of Dr. JONAS, seconded by Dr. DIXEY, a vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Anderson.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH: PLYMOUTH DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting of the Plymouth Division was held on November 30th, when twenty-three members were present. The following matters were discussed:

The Division Rules of Organization were approved as amended by the Executive Committee.

The report of the Private Practice Committee was discussed and approved without alteration, with the following addition, which was carried by 6 to 4:

To draw attention to the abuse by health visitors in visiting patients under treatment not otherwise covered by the public health system as at present in force.

The meeting approved the formation of a fund for the presentation of a flag to the Great Hall of the Association. Subscriptions are being collected.

The honorary secretary was instructed to write to the Devon County Council and the Plymouth City Council asking for a fee of 10s. 6d. for reports at the request of coroners.

As a result of action taken by the Executive Committee, the Plymouth Public Dispensary has agreed to remunerate its anaesthetists for work done for the public health authority (tuberculosis and maternity and child welfare dental treatment) according to the scale suggested by the Dental Benefit Joint Committee of the Public Dental Service Association of Great Britain on July 27th, 1926, which are similar to those in force under the national health insurance.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: WAKEFIELD, CASTLEFORD, AND PONTEFRACT DIVISION.

AN ordinary and lecture meeting of the Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Pontefract, on December 6th, preceded by supper. This was the first meeting of the Division to be held at Pontefract, and it was considered that the attendance and interest shown warranted more meetings being held there in future.

Dr. H. SCHOLEFIELD was in the chair, and thirty-one members attended. Dr. W. MACADAM (Leeds) gave an interesting address on the role of acid and alkali in disease production. He explained the blood reactions with regard to acid and alkali content, how the balance was normally kept, and the causes and results of lack of balance. He dealt with the parts played by the kidneys, lungs, and liver in effecting this, and showed how diseases or derangements of these organs resulted in acidosis and alkalosis. He described what he called vasovagal attacks, and pointed out that alkalosis is present in the majority of cases of tetany, though the relation of the parathyroid to blood reaction is unknown. The tetany-like symptoms occurring in the so-called vasovagal attacks are doubtless also due to alkalosis induced by hyperpnoea. He also described the symptoms of alkalosis which sometimes follow intensive alkali treatment in cases of chronic ulcer and cystitis. He emphasized that diabetic coma was an entirely different disease from diabetes, and advised reliance upon insulin, intravenous injections of glucose, and purgation for the former, and not alkalis.

Dr. MacAdam expressed the firm opinion that on no account should alkalis be given in uraemia, and thought that venesection was not sufficiently used in this disease. In his opinion, migraine was sometimes in the nature of an acidosis, and sometimes an alkalosis, as was also cyclic vomiting. He described three forms of acetonuria: (1) physiological (often occurring in children, and of no importance); (2) a complication of infectious and wasting diseases, and also of no consequence; (3) cases in which it represented the cardinal symptom, being a real upset of balance, and occurring in such conditions as diabetic coma, the toxaemia of pregnancy, and acute yellow atrophy.

A discussion followed in which Drs. BUTLER, SCHOLEFIELD, STEVEN, and WALKER took part.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Surgeon Lieutenant Commander K. A. I. Mackenzie to be Surgeon Commander.

Surgeon Lieutenant T. A. Cochrane to the *Impregnable*, temporary.

M. J. Brosnan has entered as Surgeon Lieutenant for short service, and appointed to the *Victory* for R.N. Hospital, Haslar, for course of instruction.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Surgeon Sublieutenant A. McO. MacGregor to be Surgeon Lieutenant.

Probationary Surgeon Sublieutenant to be Surgeon Sublieutenant.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel G. Ormrod to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Lieut.-Colonel C. A. J. A. Balck Foote, to retired pay.

Captain G. Fleming, Regular Army Reserve of Officers, R.A.M.C., relinquishes his appointment under Article 507 (*b*) Royal Warrant for Pay and Promotion, 1925.

To be temporary Lieutenants: F. G. Brown and C. A. Levy.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE.

Flight Lieutenant J. C. Osburne to be Squadron Leader.

Flight Lieutenants E. C. K. H. Foreman to Princess Mary's R.A.F. Hospital, Halton; P. D. Barling to R.A.F. Base, Malta; L. Freeman to C. and M. Party, Basrah; J. C. Priestley to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge.

Flying Officer A. L. St. A. McClosky to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge.

RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS: MEDICAL BRANCH.

Flight Lieutenant R. G. J. McCullagh relinquishes his commission on completion of service, October 4th, 1928 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette* of November 27th, 1928).

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

Lieut.-Colonel Sir Leonard Rogers, C.I.E., I.M.S.(ret.), is granted the temporary rank of Major-General whilst Medical Adviser to the Secretary of State for India, and President of the India Office Medical Board.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Colonel J. G. Martin, T.D., vacates the appointment of A.D.M.S., 55th (West Lancashire) Division.

Lieut.-Colonel (Brevet Colonel) D. C. L. Orton, T.D., from General List, R.A.M.C., to be Colonel, with precedence as from June 2nd, 1926, and to be A.D.M.S., 55th (West Lancashire) Division.

Major J. Paton having attained the age limit, retires and retains his rank with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

Captain N. F. C. Burgess to be Captain, with precedence as from November 14th, 1927—August 24th, 1928 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, October 2nd, 1928).

To be Lieutenants: T. J. C. MacDonald and R. M. Macfarlane.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS: ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Majors E. M. Douglas-Morris, T.D., and W. Johnson, M.C., from Active List, to be Major.

VACANCIES.

BARBADOS GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Junior Resident Surgeon (male). Salary £250 per annum, with temporary addition of 20 per cent.

CANCER HOSPITAL, Fulham Road, S.W.3.—(1) Assistant Surgeon. (2) Radium Officer; salary at the rate of £500 per annum.

CENTRAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, Judd Street, W.C.1.—Senior and Junior House-Surgeons. Salary £120 and £100 per annum respectively.

CHELTENHAM AND GENERAL EYE HOSPITALS.—House-Surgeon (male, unmarried) at the Ear, Throat, and Nose Branch. Salary £200 per annum.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART AND LUNGS, Victoria Park, E.2.—House-Physician (male). Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

CROYDON GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Junior Physician.

FREEMASONS HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME, Fulham Road, S.W.3.—Resident Medical Officer (male). Salary at the rate of £250 per annum.

GOLDEN SQUARE THROAT, NOSE AND EAR HOSPITAL, W.1.—Honorary Surgeon.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W.3.—Three House-Physicians. Honorarium £50 for six months.

HULL: CITY AND COUNTY OF KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—Resident Medical Officer to Infectious Diseases Hospitals. Salary £550 per annum.

HULL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon (male) to the Special Departments. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

LONDON FEMALE LOCK HOSPITAL, 283, Harrow Road, W.9.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL.—Assistant Surgical Officer. Fee 10s. 6d. per attendance.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Medical Registrar. Salary £150 per annum.

MANSFIELD BOROUGH.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health. Salary £600 per annum.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL, Queen Square, W.C.1.—(1) Resident Medical Officer. Salary £200 per annum.

NOTTINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—Resident House-Surgeon (woman). Salary £150 per annum.

PLYMOUTH: SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL.—(1) Resident Surgical Officer. (2) House-Surgeon. Males. Salary £150 and £100 per annum respectively.

PRINCESS LOUISE KENSINGTON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, North Kensington, W.—Honorary Assistant Physician.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1.—Assistant Medical Officer in the Female V.D. Clinic. Salary £500 per annum.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL, E.C.—Dental Surgeon.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL, S.E.—(1) Obstetric Physician. (2) Obstetric Physician in charge of Out-patients.

SHEFFIELD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Honorary Surgeon to the Ear, Nose, and Throat Department.

STAFFORDSHIRE MENTAL HOSPITAL, Cheddleton, Leek.—Second Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £650 per annum, with £50 additional in respect of D.P.M.

SUDAN GOVERNMENT MEDICAL SERVICE.—Medical Officer (unmarried). Pay £E.780, rising to £E.1,200.

SWANSEA COUNTY BOROUGH.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £600 per annum.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Tite Street, S.W.3.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum each.

WARWICKSHIRE AND COVENTRY JOINT COMMITTEE FOR TUBERCULOSIS.—Assistant Tuberculosis Officer. Salary at the rate of £650 per annum.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.6.—Aural and Ophthalmic House-Surgeon and Resident Assistant Casualty Officer (male). Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

WILLESDEN GENERAL HOSPITAL, Harlesden Road, N.W.10.—Resident House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The appointment at Parbold (Lancs) is vacant. Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

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Diary of the Association.

JANUARY.

3 Thurs. Hampstead Division: Hampstead General Hospital, 8.30 p.m. Report of Private Practice Committee.
West Dorset Division: Antelope Hotel, Dorchester. Report of Private Practice Committee. Supper, 7.45 p.m.

4 Fri. London: Decisions of Association Subcommittee, 2 p.m.
Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch: Royal Infirmary, Salop, 3.30 p.m. Report of Private Practice Committee.

8 Tues. London: Central Ethical Committee, 2.30 p.m.
City Division: Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E.8, 9.30 p.m. Dr. Alfred Cox, Medical Secretary, to open a discussion on Welfare Centres and Clinics.
Hastings Division: Buchanan Hospital, 8.15 p.m. Discussion on Treatment of Varicose Veins and Varicose Ulcers.
Kingston-on-Thames Division: Surbiton Hospital. Lecture by Sir Percy Sargent.

9 Wed. London: Middle-class Hospital Policy Subcommittee, 2.15 p.m.
Chesterfield Division: Royal Hospital, Chesterfield, 3 p.m. Demonstration by Dr. George Wilkinson of Ear and Throat Cases.
Lanarkshire Division: St. Enoch Station Hotel, 3.30 p.m. Dr. John Glaister on Professional Secrecy and Privilege.

10 Thurs. London: Insurance Acts Committee, 11.30 a.m.
Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division: Strafford Arms Hotel, Wakefield. Mr. A. Richardson (Leeds) on Some Surgical Experiences in America. Supper, 7.45 p.m.

11 Fri. London Public Health Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Tyneside Division: Albert Grill, North Shields, 8.20 p.m. Annual Dinner.

15 Tues. London: Grants Subcommittee, 2 p.m.
London: Organization Committee, 2.15 p.m.
Finchley Division: Finchley Memorial Hospital, 8.45 p.m. Dr. H. C. Cameron on Some Disorders of the Newly Born.
Lewisham Division: Town Hall, Catford, S.E.6, 8.45 p.m. Mr. Zachary Cope on the Use and Abuse of Antiseptics.
Reigate Division: East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, 8.45 p.m. Mr. C. Max Page on Points in the Treatment of Fractures.

16 Wed. London: Medico-Political Committee, 2.30 p.m.

17 Thurs. London: Journal Committee, 2.30 p.m.

22 Tues. London: Maternity and Child Welfare Subcommittee, 2.15 p.m.

24 Thurs. Hyde Division: Mr. D. P. D. Wilkie on the Place of Surgery in the Treatment of Peptic Ulcer, 8.30 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS.

MARTIN, Frank William, M.B., Ch.B.Glas., Assistant to the Professor of Forensic Medicine, Glasgow University.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S MATERNITY HOSPITAL, N.W.1.—*Senior Resident Medical Officer*: A. R. Cox, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. *Assistant Resident Medical Officer*: I. H. Stevens, M.D.Lond., M.R.C.P. *District Resident Medical Officer*: Kathleen Stuart-Harris, M.B., B.S.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—S. M. Green, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., for the Prescot District (Lancaster); J. H. Hume, M.B., Ch.B.Ed., for the Jedburgh District (Roxburgh); J. Reid, M.D.Glas., for the Carnwath District (Lanark).

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT, NOSE AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1.—Mon., 1.30 p.m., The Ear. Wed., 1.30 p.m., The Nose.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY CLINICAL SCHOOL ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.—Royal Infirmary: Mon. and Thurs., 10.30 a.m. Maternity Hospital: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., 11.30 a.m.

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